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1. Ljubomir Radovanovic, Yugoslav Ambassador to Turkey, is a Serb and a member of the Serbian Orthodox Church. He is a lawyer, more than 55 years old, formerly attached to the Yugoslav delegation in Paris, and recently he was President of the Lawyers' Syndicate in Belgrade. Radovanovic was accompanied to Ankara by his wife and grown daughter.
2. Informant reports that neither Yosip Kopenic, Yugoslav Commercial Attaché, nor Mustafa Vilovic, Yugoslav Consul General in Istanbul, consider Radovanovic to be a true pro-Soviet Communist, but they believe that he is loyal to Tito, for whom he acts as special agent.
3. According to informant, Tito usually appoints non-Serbs to foreign service posts. Radovanovic's appointment has not borne out the statement made last year by Yusip Kopenic that the Yugoslav Ambassador, Bojin Simic, would be replaced by a non-Serb, preferably by a young Bosnian Moslem. (Mustafa Vilovic and Vice Consul Mustafa Udovic in Istanbul are Bosnian Moslems. Although these men know almost no Turkish, Tito hoped through these representatives to appeal to the Moslem sentiment in Turkey, informant asserts.)

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